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Crop Report for the week of May 8, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers now have 16 per cent of the 2005 crop planted, compared to the five-year (2000-04) average of 12 per cent planted at this time, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Seeding is most advanced in the southwest, where 33 per cent of the crop has been planted. Farmers have seeded 19 per cent of the crop in the southeast, and 11 per cent of the crop in the central region. Northern regions report less than 10 per cent of the crop now in the ground.

Some northwestern and southeastern areas received precipitation last week, which helped improve topsoil moisture conditions. Overall, topsoil moisture conditions on crop land have deteriorated slightly from the previous week, with the majority of the poor conditions reported east of a diagonal from Hudson Bay through Moose Jaw. The topsoil situation on hay and pasture land also deteriorated across Saskatchewan, with reporters indicating that about 68 per cent of hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared with 83 per cent last week. The deterioration in moisture is primarily due to the wind.

Across the province, five per cent of the winter wheat and two per cent of the fall rye were reported as winterkilled. Some farmers reported that damage came from flooding this spring.

Warmer temperatures and precipitation are needed in the coming weeks to encourage grass and hay growth.

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Seeding Progress in Saskatchewan per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 8/05	16
5-year Avg. (2000-04)	12
May 9/04	19
May 11/03	8
May 5/02	2
May 6/01	13
May 7/00	18

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

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1 Year Ago

Farmers had 19 per cent of the 2004 crop planted.

Ten to nineteen per cent of the fall rye and winter wheat crops were reported as winterkilled.

Warm temperatures and precipitation were needed to encourage grass and hay growth.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

This past week was cool and windy in the southeast with some sunshine and some rain showers. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 1 mm in Crop District (CD) 1b to an average high of 17 mm in CD 3ase.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 60% of reporters, compared to 72% last week. One third of the reporters rate topsoil moisture on crop land as short. On hay and pasture land, 43% of reporters report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, while 52% rate topsoil moisture conditions as short or very short.

Good seeding progress was made and south eastern farmers report 19% of the 2005 crop planted, up from 4% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 34% seeded. Some early-seeded crops have started to sprout.

Six per cent of the winter wheat and 3% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southeast. Sustained warmer weather would benefit fall crops.

Rain and warmer weather are needed to encourage pasture growth. Additional harvesting of the 2004 crop took place this past week.

Farmers continue with fieldwork – fertilizer application, spraying, harrowing, rock picking, and burning the 2004 crop. Several localized shortages were reported, including fertilizer, trucks to haul fertilizer, inoculants, and good quality wheat seed.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

This past week was cool and windy in the southwest, changing to more moderate temperatures as the week progressed. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from only trace amounts in CD 3an, to an average high of 2 mm in CD 3asw. There was soil erosion from the wind in CD 3bn.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 84% of reporters, compared to 98% last week. Sixteen per cent rate cropland topsoil moisture as short. On hay and pasture land, 67% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 87% last week. Thirty-three per cent rate hay and pasture land topsoil moisture as short or very short.

South western farmers report 33% of the 2005 crop planted, up from 9% last week. Crop District 4b is furthest advanced at 56% seeded. Crops are reported to be emerging in several areas. Rain is needed to germinate small-seed crops, as some surfaces are becoming very hard and dry.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 4% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the southwest. Fall seeded crops are generally progressing favourably.

Cattle are beginning to go out to pasture, but warmer weather and rain would help with grass growth.

Localized shortages of flax seed were reported. Cultivation and spraying were taking place.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was cool and windy at the beginning of the week, but turned milder, though stayed windy. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 1 mm in CDs 5a and 6a, to an average high of 3 mm in CD 5b. Soil erosion was reported in CD 5b. Frost damage to forage crops was reported in CD 6a. Strong winds caused damage to canola swaths in CD 6a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were reported as adequate by 74% of central reporters, compared with 82% last week. On hay and pasture land, 49% of reporters rate topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared to 74% last week.

East central farmers report almost 11% of the 2005 crop planted, up from just under 1% last week. Crop District 5a is furthest advanced at 13% seeded. Some

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 8/05	May 9/04
1a	15	19
1b	19	23
2a	24	28
2b	16	25
3an	20	18
3ase	34	29
3asw	22	14
3bn	30	36
3bs	37	43
4a	51	66
4b	56	68
5a	13	13
5b	8	5
6a	11	9
6b	7	14
7a	17	23
7b	9	21
8a	6	10
8b	9	9
9ae	3	3
9aw	4	10
9b	2	8
Prov.	16	19

reporters say that soils are getting too dry for oilseeds to germinate properly. Early-seeded peas are sprouting.

Four per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the east central region. In some areas, fall crops were hurt more by spring flooding than by winter kill.

Cattle continued to be fed at home in many areas due to slow grass growth on pastures.

Fieldwork continued including harrowing, deep-banding, spraying, rolling, and burning of the 2004 crop. Strong winds interfered with some of this work. Combines continued to harvest last fall's crop.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region had a cool, windy week with some days of warmer temperatures. An average of 2 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of less than 1/2 mm in CD 6b to an average high of 4 mm in CD 7b. The winds caused soil erosion in CD 6b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as adequate by 95% of west central reporters, compared to 97% last week. On hay and pasture land, 91% reported adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 100% last week. Rain would be welcome to rejuvenate topsoil moisture and help shallow-seeded crops.

West central farmers reported 11% of the 2005 crop planted, up from 1% last week. Crop District 7a is furthest advanced at 17% seeded.

Three per cent of the winter wheat and 3% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the west central region. Some fall crops were flooded out, but generally they were reported to look good.

Fieldwork was held up by windy, unsettled weather. Some farmers were able to harrow, seed grass, and apply fertilizer and chemical. Localized shortages of quality lentil seed, some seed treatments, flax seed, and certain barley varieties were reported. More combining of the 2004 crop was completed.

Pastures and hay crops were set back by the frost. More heat is needed to get the grass growing. Cattle were being moved out to summer pastures.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

This past week started cool and windy in the northeast and turned warmer with some shower activity. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 9ae to an average high of 4 mm in CD 8b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as adequate by 100% of reporters as some of last week's surplus moisture dried up. On hay and pasture land, 95% of reporters rate topsoil moisture as adequate, up slightly from 91% last week.

Good seeding progress was made this past week. North eastern farmers reported 7% of the 2005 crop planted, up from less than one-half of 1% last week. Crop District 8b is furthest advanced at 9% seeded.

Four per cent of the winter wheat and 2% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northeast.

Farmers have been applying fertilizer and chemical, harrowing, picking stones, and burning last year's crop. Localized shortages of flaxseed and some canola varieties were reported.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

This past week was warmer in the northwest, but turned cooler with some rain showers by the weekend. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 9aw to an average high of 11 mm reported in CD 9b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land were rated as adequate by 85% of north western reporters, compared to 72% last week. On hay and pasture land, 93% report adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to 86% last week.

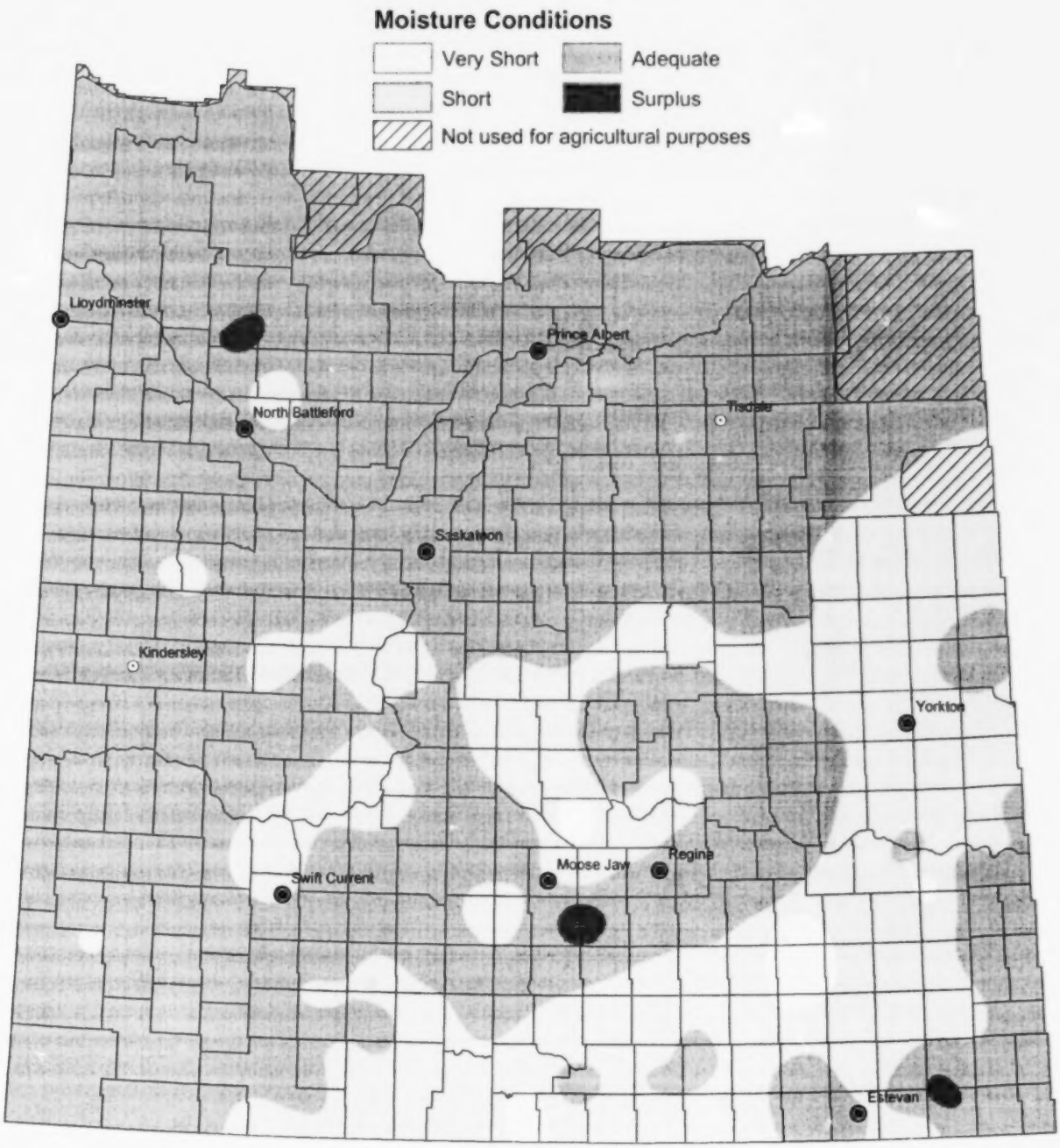
Some seeding progress was made during the past week. North western farmers reported 3% of the 2004 crop planted, up from less than ½ of 1% last week. Crop District 9aw is furthest advanced at 4% seeded.

Thirteen per cent of the winter wheat and 1% of the fall rye were winterkilled in the northwest.

Farmers continued with fertilizing, harrowing, rock picking, and spraying. Combining, baling, and burning of the 2004 crop also continued. Concerns were expressed about localized shortages of seed for feed oats and feed barley.

Pastures were slow to grow and cattle were still being fed at home.

Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions
May 8, 2005



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 7, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.		Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2		Mount Pleasant	25	33
	3	A	Enniskillen	24	24
	3	B	Enniskillen	3	6
	31		Storthoaks	26	26
	32		Reciprocity	1	7
	33	A	Moose Creek	3	8
	33	B	Moose Creek	2	7
	34		Browning	3	9
	35		Benson	NIL	5
	63	A	Moose Mountain	2	10
	63	B	Moose Mountain	TR	14
	64		Brock	2	7
	65		Tecumseh	1	3
1B	92		Walpole	NIL	NIL
	94		Hazelwood	3	8
	95		Golden West	NIL	5
	123		Silverwood	2	7
	124		Kingsley	1	8
	125		Chester	TR	5
	151	A	Rocanville	NIL	11
	151	B	Rocanville	NIL	7
	153		Willowdale	NIL	6
	154		Elcapo	NIL	TR
	155		Wolseley	1	11
2A	36		Cymri	7	14
	66		Griffin	NIL	TR
	68		Brokenshell	NIL	17
	96		Fillmore	NIL	2
	97		Wellington	1	1
	99		Caledonia	11	42
2B	126		Montmartre	TR	TR
	127		Francis	3	6
	129		Bratt's Lake	2	23
	131		Baildon	NIL	26
	156	A	Indian Head	1	2
	156	B	Indian Head	1	7
	157		South Qu'appelle	61	64
	158		Edenwold	15	18
	160		Pense	NIL	10
	191		Marquis	1	16
3ASE	8		Lake Alma	10	16
	9		Surprise Valley	10	10
	38	A	Laurier	6	33
	38	B	Laurier	16	39
	39	A	The Gap	22	24
	39	B	The Gap	37	39
3ASW	10		Happy Valley	9	11
	12		Poplar Valley	TR	10
	40		Bengough	3	28
	43	A	Old Post	TR	13
	43	B	Old Post	NIL	7
	44		Waverley	1	15
	70		Key West	2	17
	71	A	Excel	NIL	31
	71	B	Excel	2	33
	73	A	Stonehenge	NIL	3
	73	B	Stonehenge	NIL	17
3AN	101	A	Terrell	NIL	17
	101	B	Terrell	TR	18
	102		Lake Johnston	NIL	26
	103		Sutton	NIL	35
	104		Gravelbourg	NIL	10
	132		Hillsborough	NIL	18
	164		Chaplin	NIL	6
	193		Eyebrow	NIL	31
3BS	17	A	Val Marie	2	27
	17	B	Val Marie	TR	4
	46	A	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	10
	46	B	Glen Mcpherson	NIL	15
	75	A	Pinto Creek	NIL	12
	75	B	Pinto Creek	NIL	12
	76	A	Auvergne	NIL	12
	76	B	Auvergne	3	18
	77		Wise Creek	NIL	14
	78	A	Grassy Creek	NIL	19
	78	B	Grassy Creek	NIL	12
	78	C	Grassy Creek	TR	22
	105		Glenbain	TR	11
	106		Whiska Creek	1	13
	108		Bone Creek	1	30
3BN	135		Lawtonia	NIL	17
	136		Coulee	NIL	30
	137		Swift Current	NIL	22
	138		Webb	1	38
	166		Excelsior	3	30
	167		Sask. Landing	2	32
	225		Canaan	TR	9
	226		Victory	2	19
	228	A	Lacadena	TR	26
	228	B	Lacadena	NIL	29
	256		King George	NIL	18
4A	19		Frontier	NIL	20
	79		Arlington	TR	18
	109	A	Carmichael	TR	68
	109	B	Carmichael	1	52
	110		Piapot	NIL	70
	111	A	Maple Creek	TR	40
	111	B	Maple Creek	NIL	78
4B	139		Gull Lake	2	43
	141		Big Stick	NIL	66
	169		Pittville	NIL	28
	171		Fox Valley	TR	53
	229		Miry Creek	NIL	30
	231		Happyland	TR	37
	232		Deer Forks	3	41
5A	152		Spy Hill	NIL	5
	181		Langenburg	NIL	6
	183		Fertile Belt	NIL	5
	184	A	Grayson	1	1
	184	C	Grayson	1	7
	185		Mcleod	1	15
	186		Abernethy	TR	3
	187		North Qu'appelle	1	4
	211		Churchbridge	TR	TR
	213		Saltcoats	NIL	7
	214		Cana	NIL	10
	241		Calder	NIL	3
	243		Wallace	NIL	7
	245	A	Garry	2	11
	245	B	Garry	NIL	15
	246		Ituna Bon Accord	1	3
	247		Kellross	NIL	5
	248		Touchwood	10	17
5B	271		Cote	TR	10
	276		Foam Lake	NIL	5
	277		Emerald	TR	5
	303		Keys	4	6
	304		Buchanan	2	9
	307		Elfros	TR	15
	308		Big Quill	1	4
	335		Hazel Dell	4	18
	336		Sasman	NIL	8
	337		Lakeview	4	15
	338		Lakeside	2	11
	366	A	Kelvington	7	18
	366	B	Kelvington	10	26
	367		Ponass Lake	7	14
6A	189		Lumsden	TR	12
	190	A	Dufferin	NIL	9
	190	B	Dufferin	TR	1
	190	C	Dufferin	TR	12
	219	B	Longlaketon	1	1
	219	C	Longlaketon	4	4
	220		Mckillop	NIL	2
	221		Sarnia	NIL	8
	222		Craik	1	14
	252		Arm River	NIL	6
	279	A	Mount Hope	5	8
	279	B	Mount Hope	1	8
	280		Wreford	TR	TR
	282		Mccraney	4	16
	309		Prairie Rose	2	4
	310		Usborne	TR	TR
	312		Morris	2	12
	313		Lost River	1	7
	339	B	Leroy	1	10
	340	A	Wolverine	3	5
	340	B	Wolverine	NIL	1
	343		Blucher	3	6
6B	254		Loreburn	TR	16
	283		Rosedale	TR	21
	284		Rudy	TR	20
	285		Fertile Valley	TR	17
	286		Milden	NIL	13
	314		Dundurn	2	18
	344		Corman Park	NIL	24
	345		Vanscoy	TR	15
	346		Perdue	NIL	40
	376	B	Eagle Creek	NIL	45
	403		Rosthern	1	4
	404		Laird	1	21
7A	259		Snipe Lake	NIL	43
	260		Newcombe	TR	23
	287		St. Andrews	NIL	36
	288		Pleasant Valley	TR	58
	290		Kindersley	1	21
	292		Milton	6	35
	317	B	Marriott	NIL	53
	317	C	Marriott	NIL	35
	318	A	Mountain View	NIL	28
	318	B	Mountain View	NIL	39
	319		Winslow	TR	21
	320		Oakdale	NIL	26
	321		Prairiedale	10	41
	322		Antelope Park	3	20
7B	347	A	Biggar	NIL	30
	347	B	Biggar	NIL	42
	350	A	Mariposa	3	15
	350	B	Mariposa	TR	22
	351		Progress	8	34
	352		Heart's Hill	10	50
	377	A	Glenside	TR	51
	377	B	Glenside	NIL	41
	378	A	Rosemount	TR	37
	378	B	Rosemount	TR	36
	379		Reford	TR	34
	380	A	Tramping Lake	TR	17
	380	B	Tramping Lake	7	39
	382		Eye Hill	8	35
	409		Buffalo	2	31
	410		Round Valley	7	43
	411		Senlac	15	35
8A	397		Barrier Valley	3	25
	398		Pleasantdale	8	34
	428		Star City	2	14
	456		Arborfield	1	11
	457	A	Connaught	2	22
	457	B	Connaught	NIL	4
	458		Willow Creek	NIL	15
	486		Moose Range	NIL	11
	487		Nipawin	NIL	12
8B	369		St. Peter	4	9
	370		Humboldt	2	9
	371		Bayne	2	6
	372		Grant	1	10
	373		Aberdeen	TR	11
	399		Lake Lenore	3	20
	402		Fish Creek	4	8
	429	A	Flett's Springs	25	51
	429	B	Flett's Springs	1	13
	430		Invergordon	3	8
	459		Kinistino	2	21
9AE	461		Prince Albert	TR	10
	488		Torch River	2	9
9AW	406		Mayfield	NIL	38
	435		Redberry	1	27
	463		Duck Lake	NIL	3
	464		Leask	2	18
	466		Meeting Lake	NIL	40
	467		Round Hill	3	41
	493		Shellbrook	NIL	4
	494		Canwood	4	28
	496		Spiritwood	2	33
	555		Big River	13	56
9B	438	A	Battle River	9	43
	438	B	Battle River	TR	33
	440		Hillsdale	11	44
	468	A	Meota	9	40
	468	B	Meota	4	12
	472		Wilton	15	48
	498	A	Parkdale	10	24
	498	B	Parkdale	8	33
	499		Mervin	22	86
	501	A	Frenchman Butte	8	57
	501	B	Frenchman Butte	15	67
	502		Britannia	8	34
	561		Loon Lake	10	55
	588	A	Meadow Lake	20	37
	588	B	Meadow Lake	9	52
	588	C	Meadow Lake	18	64
	588	D	Meadow Lake	14	43

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Crop Districts
and
Rural Municipalities